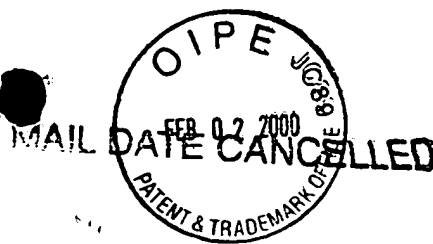


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on December 22, 1999 (Paper No. 6). Therein the Examiner indicated that the above-captioned application contains nineteen different inventions defined by Group I (Claims 35-42 and 47), Group II (Claims 43 and 44), Group III (Claims 43 and 44), Group IV (Claims 43 and 45), Group V (Claims 43 and 46), Group VI (Claims 48 and 49), Group VII (Claims 48 and 49), Group VIII (Claims 48 and 49), Group IX (Claim 50), Group X (Claims 51 and 52), Group XII (Claims 53 and 54), Group XIII (Claims 55 and 56), Group XIV (Claims 55 and 56), Group XV (Claim 57), Group XVI (Claim 57), Group XVII (Claim 57), Group XVIII (Claim 58), Group XIX (Claim 58), and required an election of the invention to be examined.

In response to this Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (Claims 35-42 and 47, drawn to polynucleotides, vectors and peptides. Rejoinder of the amended Group VI, VII, IX, X, XVI, XVIII, and XIX Claims is respectfully requested.

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